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## **FERD WOCKENFUSS DIES OF OLD AGE**

**FUNERAL HELD WEDNESDAY AF-  
TERNOON CONDUCTED BY  
REV. MUELLER**

(By Mrs. Chas. Rasmusen.)

Ferdinand E. Wockenfuss a highly respected citizen of Brown county and one of its early pioneers, passed away Sunday at the home of his son, Otto, from the infirmities of old age. He was 76 years of age at the time of his death and had not enjoyed good health for several years. For some time past he had alternated in making his home with Otto and his daughter, Mrs. Olaf Gustafson, of Claremont. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from St. John's Lutheran church, conducted by Rev. Mueller of Columbia, and the remains were laid to rest in Groton cemetery.

Mr. Wockenfuss was born in Germany, April 17, 1860, and came to this country when eight years of age with his parents, settling at Watertown, Wis. In 1881 he came to South Dakota and located on land seven miles northwest of Groton. On March 16, 1886, he was married to Miss Johanna Schmidt, the ceremony taking place at Richwood, Wis., and the couple returned to South Dakota and made their home on a farm three miles southeast of Putney, until Mrs. Wockenfuss passed away several years ago.

Seven children were born to this union, all of whom survive him. They are: Mrs. O. S. Scroggins, of Anoka, Minn.; Edward Wockenfuss, of Groton; Bernard Wockenfuss, of Ipswich; Otto and Henry, of Columbia; Mrs. Olaf Gustafson, of Claremont, and William of Ixonia, Wis.